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Applicants: **Toshihisa Saruta, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 2861

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are also enclosed.

The cited Japanese reference was called to Applicant's attention in an Office Action in a counterpart Japanese patent application. For the Examiner's convenience, an English-language counterpart, U.S. Patent No. 5,049,898, also has been provided.

As no Office Action on the merits has been received, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). If, however, the facts are such that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), then the requisite Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) follows.

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may now or hereafter be due in connection with the prosecution of this application, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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